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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To: U.S. Department Of Justice,

I appreciate the right to speak on this issue, which I feel very strongly about. As a U.S. citizen, I believe I have a responsibility to defend the rights and freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

The current settlement does not effectively prevent Microsoft from using its current monopoly in the desktop operating system market to create a monopoly in other markets. One obvious example is the browser market. I believe Microsoft should be required to offer a version of its operating systems which does not contain middleware software like Internet Explorer tied into the operating system.

Also, Microsoft should be required to remove software from its operating system which causes incompatibilities with rival companies' software. Microsoft should also be prevented from using its passport services in Windows XP to force users to use Microsoft technologies to access online services. I believe Microsoft's .NET program is their plan to completely control PC users' access to the Internet and e-commerce. This is clearly a threat to computer users and competing companies. I reiterate that the currently settlement does not go far enough to limit and prevent Microsoft's anti-competitive and monopolistic behavior.

Sincerely,
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